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RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORY OF FLORIDA GIFT FRUIT SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS BRADLEY (USPS-T-13)

(FGFSA/USPS-T13-53)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides a response to the following interrogatory of Florida Gift Fruit Shippers Association: FGFSA/USPS-T13-53, filed on September 3, 1997, and redirected from witness Bradley (USPS-T-13).

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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FGFSA/USPS-T13-53

- a) Are Postal Service contractors on highway routes allowed to carry non-postal freight if there is available empty space over any portion of the route?
- b) Of the 14,781 contracts, how many permit carrying of non-postal freight concurrently with the transportation of mail?

RESPONSE

- a) No. Non-postal freight may not be carried inter-mixed with mail on a contractors vehicle. The contractor may use the vehicle to carry non-postal freight when it is not being used to carry mail, however.
- b) None.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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